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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, TU, GR, US

SUBJECT: HEADING OFF AN AEGEAN INCIDENT

REF: ANKARA 5636 (DTG 221500Z JUL 76)

1. I BELIEVE THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL MERIT IN AMBASSADOR  
MACOMBER'S SUGGESTION (REFTEL) THAT A NEW ROUND OF APPROACHES  
BE MADE AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL OR HIGHER IN WASH-  
INGTON WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH EMBASSIES CONCERNING  
FORTHCOMING TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCHES IN THE AEGEAN.

2. WE AGREE WITH THE GENERAL ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS MADE  
IN REFTTEL, AND THE SPECIFIC POINTS RECOMMENDED IN PARA TWO  
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FOR TELLING TO THE TURKS AND GREEKS IN WASHINGTON SEEM

EMINENTLY SENSIBLE TO US. INDEED, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD  
LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN TRYING TO ASSURE THAT WE ARE  
HEADING OFF WHAT COULD BE A VERY SERIOUS CLASH BETWEEN  
GREECE AND TURKEY IN THE AEGEAN AND A POTENTIAL CALAMITY  
FOR US ALL.

3. OUR ONLY MAJOR RESERVATION ABOUT REFTEL IS THE SUGGESTION  
THAT WE CONSIDER REQUESTING FROM THE  
GREEK GOVERNMENT ITS MAP OF DISPUTED AND UNDISPUTED AREAS  
IN THE AEGEAN. THE RISKS OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND MIS-  
INTERPRETATION SEEM TO US TO OUTWEIGHT THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS  
AT THIS STAGE.  
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